

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1 and 14-32 are pending. Claims 14, 20, 21, and 30 are amended. Please cancel claims 1 and 19. Therefore, claims 14-18, and 20-32 are presented for examination.

Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 14-19, and 21-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,467,009 issued to Winegarden, et al.


Applicants have made claim 20 independent, and have changed the dependency of the other claims correspondingly. Applicants have also added the allowed limitation, found to be patentable by the Examiner to other independent claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are in form for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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